

TOWNSHIP OF WALL

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 206, TOWING AND STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 5, "FEES", OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Township of Wall, through adoption of Wall Municipal Code Chapter 206 adopted regulations and fees associated with the required towing and storage of motor vehicles when the call for such services is initiated by the Wall Township Police Department and the vehicle owner has not made other arrangements for towing and storage of a disabled vehicle or where the towing and storage occurs without the consent of the owner; and,

WHEREAS, the Wall Township Committee desires to amend and supplement Chapter 206, Article 5, entitled "Fees", to reflect appropriate fees associated with towing services in conjunction with the Wall Township Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, all additions are shown in ***bold italics with underlines***. The deletions are shown as ~~strikeovers in italics~~. Sections of Chapter 206, Section 5, that will remain unchanged are shown in normal type.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall, in the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Chapter 206, Article 5, "Fees" shall be amended and supplemented to include the following:

§ 206-5 Fees.

- A. ***Towing fees and charges shall conform with the New Jersey State Police towing rates published and updated on an annual basis. To the extent that the New Jersey State Police towing rates published on an annual basis conflict with the fees below, the subject fee due and owing shall be whichever is greater.*** The following fees are hereby established for towing services in conjunction with the Wall Township Police Department:

Towing	
Service	Fees
Standard tow	<del>\$105</del> <b><i><u>\$155</u></i></b>
Flatbed tow	<del>\$105</del> <b><i><u>\$155</u></i></b>
<del>Tows over 6,999 GVW \$175 plus tax</del> <del>Tows over 15,000 GVW \$350 plus tax</del> <b><i><u>Tows between 6,999-16,000 GVW</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>\$300 per hour</u></i></b> plus tax
<b><i><u>Tows over 16,001 GVW</u></i></b> <b><i><u>Decoupling Fee</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>\$500 per hour</u></i></b> plus tax <b><i><u>½ of Basic Rate</u></i></b>
Vehicle Winching	
Service	Fees

<u>Light Duty (up to 10,000 lbs)</u>	<u>\$350 per hour (charged in half-hour increments of \$175)</u>
<u>Medium Duty (10,001-16,000 lbs)</u>	<u>\$350 per hour (charged in half-hour increments of \$175)</u>
<u>Heavy Duty (16,001 lbs and above)</u>	<u>\$650 per hour</u>
<del>Under 6,999 GVW — \$100 first hour/ \$75 per hour thereafter</del> <del>7,000 to 14,999 GVW — \$200 first hour/ \$150 per hour thereafter</del>	
Road Calls	
Service	Fees
All road calls	\$60 plus fuel
Vehicle lockouts	\$60
Police vehicle tow	\$50; \$3 per mile out of town to Wall border; maximum of \$200
MVA scene cleanup	<del>\$50; \$3 per mile out of town to Wall border; maximum of \$200</del> <u>\$75 per hour; \$ 3 per mile out of the Township of Wall border plus cost of absorbent materials used</u>
Rollover/recovery up to 14,999 GVW	\$225 first 1/2 hour; \$150 per hour after
Disabled tow from scene to site of owner's choice	Applicable tow cost (plus \$3.50 per mile out of town to Wall border)
Wait time (investigative delays)	\$30 per half hour
Police car after-hour tire	\$40
Storage	
Service	Fees
Passenger vehicles	<del>\$35</del> <u>\$50 per day, plus \$10 for indoor</u>
<del>Over 6,999 GVW — \$40 per day, plus \$10 for indoor</del> <del>Over 15,000 GVW — \$60 per day, plus \$10 for indoor</del>	
<u>Trucks (dual wheels)/ single axle</u>	<u>\$125 per day, plus \$10 for indoor</u>
<u>Tractors, dump trucks, tractor trailer combos, trailers</u>	<u>\$150 per day</u>
<u>Buses</u>	<u>\$150 per day</u>

- B. Liability for operators who engage in a pattern and practice of knowingly violating fee limits. Operators who engage in removal of motor vehicles, or any employee, officer or agent thereof, who engages in a pattern or practice of knowing violation of the fee limits set herein may be liable to the municipality for a civil penalty of not less than \$25 or more than \$50 for each motor vehicle stored with the operator. Such penalties will be collected in a summary manner in the Wall Township Municipal Court in accordance with the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999.



- C. Fees paid by municipality. Storage fees will only be paid by the Township in cases where the owner cannot be located for payment of the fees after diligent inquiries. This will only apply when such a vehicle is towed at direction of the Police Department and has extensive damage so that storage at the police impound lot is not feasible. This determination shall be made by a police officer at the scene. In that case, the storage fees shall be:
- (1) Three dollars ~~(\$3)~~ per day for the first 30 days of storage per vehicle.
  - (2) Two dollars ~~(\$2)~~ per day for the 31st day of storage and thereafter.
  - (3) A maximum of \$400 per vehicle storage, regardless of the duration of the storage, except that the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs may grant a waiver for good cause upon the request of a municipality.
- D. Administrative fee. The Township of Wall shall assess an administrative fee of \$25 per vehicle to recover costs of administering the towing and storage services for all vehicles coming under the purview of the police impound. The assessment will be placed on each vehicle processed in addition to the model fees outlined in this chapter for towing and storage services.

**SECTION TWO.** This Ordinance shall hereby become effective upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

**SECTION THREE. REPEALER.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. The Township Clerk is authorized to renumber and/or re-codify any sections affected by such repeal to the extent consistent with this Ordinance.

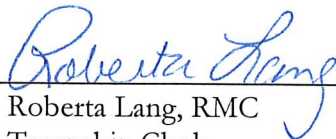
**SECTION FOUR. SEVERABILITY.** If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional such word, phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof after final passage according to law.


**Introduced:** March 22, 2023

**Adopted:** April 26, 2023

**Attest:**

  
Roberta Lang, RMC  
Township Clerk

**Approve:**

  
Timothy Farrell  
Mayor

SUMMARY AND NOTICE

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OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 5, "FEES", OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE**

Adoption of this ordinance will amend Chapter 206, Section 5, regarding fees for towed vehicles.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Wall on **March 22, 2023**, and will further be considered for final passage and adoption at the Wall Township Municipal Building, 2700 Allaire Road, Wall, New Jersey, on **April 26, 2023** at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached on the agenda, at which time and place all persons interested therein shall be given an opportunity to be heard, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Township of Wall, Town Hall, to the members of the general public who shall request the same or may be viewed on our website at [www.wallnj.com](http://www.wallnj.com).

**Roberta M. Lang, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk**